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1. At the end of June 1949, Communist authorities in North Korea estimated that
    103,000 Koreans were serving in Chinese Communist armies in China and
    Manchuria.* Among these, about 36,000 were estimated to be in the Northeast
    People's Liberation Army; about 10,000 in the 13 Field March Units (sic), 7,000
    each in the First Division (artillery) and Third Division (transport), and
    about 12,000 in the Fourth Division.

2. An arrangement had apparently been made by the Chinese to return to North
    Korea the 36,000 Koreans in the Northeast People's Liberation Army and an
    additional 10,000 men from the Manchurian railroad guard battalions. This
    plan was never carried out, however, since the northeastern armies were
    moved into central and southern China to continue the war against the
    Nationalists.**

3. The Chinese Communists, however, promised that Korean troops would be re-
    turned to North Korea as soon as they had been sent back to Manchuria from
    the south. No date was set for this movement, however. The estimated num-
    ber of troops to be sent back was 52,000; these were to be formed into a

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